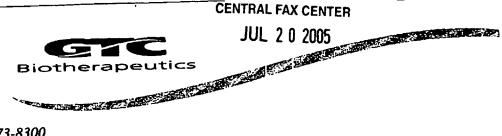
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Deborah Crouch, Ph.D., Examiner United States Patent and Trademark Office Technology Center 1600 PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313

Re: Novel Modified MSP-1 Nucleic Acid Sequences and Methods for Increasing MRNA Levels and Protein Expression in Cell Systems

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Dear Examiner Crouch:

Thank you for your facsimile of July 20, 2005 and for providing a revised claim set for our review. We have reviewed the rewritten claim set and are agreeable to your amendments. We respectfully request that you proceed with an Examiner's Amendment based on the claim set provided, as well as re-write the remaining claims in line with those presented.

It is our belief that this case is now in condition for allowance of all pending claims therein. Such action is thus respectfully requested.

Thank you for your assistance.

Best Regards,

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